



**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
TOWN OF RICHMOND  
TOWN MEETING RESULTS  
MARCH 2018**

The first session of the Town Meeting was held at the Veterans Memorial Hall in Richmond, NH on Tuesday, the 13<sup>th</sup> of March 2018, with polling hours from 11:00 am until 7:00 pm. Of the 804 voters on the checklist, 217 voted. The following subjects were acted upon by official ballot:

**Article 1. Town Officers elected:**

- Cemetery Trustee for three (3) years, Lynn Davis – 180 votes
- Library Trustee for three (3) years, Sheldon Perry – 53 votes
- Moderator for two (2) years, Walden Whitham – 176 votes
- Planning Board for three (3) years, Stacie Maillet – 161 votes
- Planning Board for three (3) years, Edward Reece – 27 votes
- Planning Board for one (1) year, Jason Macdonald – 30 votes
- Selectman for three (3) years, Christin Daugherty – 174 votes
- Supervisor of the Checklist for six (6) years, Linda L. Christo – 129 votes
- Town Clerk for three (3) years, Annette Tokunaga – 201 votes
- Trustee of the Trust Funds for three (3) years, Rostislav Eismont – 165 votes

The second session of the Town Meeting was held at the Veterans Memorial Hall in Richmond, NH on Saturday, the 17<sup>th</sup> of March 2018.

Seated at the table on the stage were: Christin Daugherty, Carol Jameson, and William Daniels, Selectboard; Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk; Joseph Hoppock, legal counsel for the Town of Richmond. Walden Whitham, Moderator, stood at the podium on the stage.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by Mr. Whitham.

Bonnie McCarthy led the invocation.

Leading the salute to the flag was Cub Scout Pack 297.

Bryce Daugherty, Paul "Sandy" Laughner and Walden Whitham sang "America the Beautiful," inviting those in attendance to join in.

Mr. Whitham announced that there would be no presentation of the Richmond 250 Cane this year.

Mr. Whitham did introductions of those people seated on the stage. He then read the rules and procedures for the conduct of the meeting.

Of the 804 voters on the checklist, 97 voters checked in.



**Article 2.** To see if the town will vote to change the purpose of the Highway Vehicle and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund (as amended 2012) for the purpose of purchasing highway vehicles and highway maintenance equipment; to the purpose of purchasing, repairing and maintaining highway vehicles and highway maintenance; and further to name the Board of Selectmen as agents. 2/3 vote required. Recommended by the Selectmen.

**Article 2 passed by unanimous voice vote.**

**Article 3.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 for the purpose of structural and other repairs to, and exterior painting of, the library. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the work is completed or by March 31, 2020 whichever is sooner. Recommended by the Selectmen.

**Article 3 passed by voice vote.**

**Article 4.** To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,500 for cutting, disposing and stumping trees on town-owned land adjacent to the Earl Howard Cemetery which will be used for future Cemetery expansion when needed. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the work is completed or by March 31, 2020, whichever is sooner. Recommended by the Selectmen.

**Article 4 passed by voice vote.**

**Article 5.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$123,000 for road upgrade and reconstruction, said appropriation to be non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the work is completed or March 31, 2020, whichever is earlier. This appropriation shall be offset by revenue of \$55,000 from the Highway Block Grant. Recommended by the Selectmen.

**Article 5 passed by voice vote.**

Mr. Daniels moved to restrict from reconsideration Articles 2 through 5. The motion was seconded.

**The motion to restrict from reconsideration Articles 2 through 5 passed by voice vote.**

**Article 6.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 for the construction of a parking Lot with plantings on the Town lot known as Four Corners. Recommended by the Selectmen.

From the stage, Ms. Jameson gave an explanation of Article 6.

Approaching the microphone to speak or speaking from the stage were Maureen Blackledge, Gregory Butko, Daniel Connell, Richard Drew, Janice Weekes, Cornelius Moriarty, Pamela Goodell, Ms. Jameson and Mr. Daugherty. Comments, questions and responses included but were not limited to the following: discussion of details of the proposed work; concerns about the proposed work not being a permanent solution; discussion if this was to be the first of two phases; and discussion of who was the author of this article.

**Article 6 did not pass by voice vote.**

Cornelius Moriarty moved to restrict from reconsideration Article 6. The motion was seconded.

**The motion to restrict from reconsideration Article 6 passed by voice vote.**

**Article 7.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$291,528 for General Government. This appropriation shall be offset by revenue of \$20,000 from logging of town owned land. Recommended by the Selectmen.

**Article 7 passed by voice vote.**

**Article 8.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,533 for the purpose of increasing the annual stipend paid to the Town Clerk (which includes payroll related expenses such as taxes, social security and medicare) from \$24,440 per year (proposed) to \$25,864 per year. This sum is in addition to the amount contained in the operating budget of the town. If this article passes, the Town Clerk will receive an annual stipend of \$25,864, while if this article fails, the Town Clerk will continue to receive an annual stipend of \$24,440. If this article passes, this additional amount will be included in operating budget of the town in this and future years. This appropriation is not recommended by the Selectmen.

From the stage, Ms. Tokunaga spoke to Article 8.

Approaching the microphone to speak or speaking from the stage were Pamela Bielunis, Mary Taylor, Jeffrey Taylor, Bryce Daugherty, Curtis Douglas, Mr. Daugherty and Ms. Tokunaga. Comments, questions and responses included but were not limited to the following: discussion regarding why the Selectboard did not recommend Article 8; comments about the proposed raise; and comments about Ms. Tokunaga's work.

**Article 8 passed by voice vote.**



**Article 9.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$199,825 for Public Safety. Recommended by the Selectmen.

**Article 9 passed by voice vote.**

**Article 10.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$23,487 for the purpose of increasing the police operating budget (from \$120,489 (proposed) to \$143,976) to allow for the hiring of a full-time police officer. This sum is in addition to the amount contained in the operating budget of the town. If this article passes, the police department will proceed to search for a full-time officer, while if this article fails, the police department will continue to be staffed by part-time personnel. If this article passes, this additional amount will be included in the operating budget of the town in this and future years. This appropriation is not recommended by the Selectmen.

Approaching the microphone to speak was Lynn Adams, who read a statement from Officer in Charge Andrew Wood. Scott Thurber spoke in favor of Article 10. Brendan Bosquet made a motion to amend Article 10 by changing the sum from \$23, 487 to \$0 (zero) and to cut the salary of the chief to offset the increase in the full-time officer.

Approaching the microphone to speak or speaking from the stage were Mr. Hoppock, Lynn Adams, Mr. Daugherty, Daniel Connell, Scott Thurber, Mr. Daniels, Mary Taylor, Ms. Jameson, Gregory Butko, Maureen Blackledge, and Pamela Goodell. Discussion on the amendment followed, including but not limited to the following: Mr. Hoppock responding that the amendment did not change the subject of Article 10 but that “pulling from the chief’s salary” was advisory only; Lynn Adams and Mr. Daugherty addressing the impact on hours and coverage; Daniel Connell expressing budgetary concern; discussion about the meaning of “advisory”; comments on Officer Prior’s work; discussion about who would/could be the full-time officer.

A written request for a secret ballot vote was received by Mr. Whitham prior to a vote on the amendment to Article 10 with the following voters present at the Meeting having signed the request: Eugene DeLalla; James DeLalla; Kathleen DeLalla; Mary Taylor; Cheryl Tarbox; Robert Tarbox; Daniel Connell.

**The amendment for Article 10 did not pass by secret ballot: 30 Yes; 53 No**

Discussion commenced on Article 10. Approaching the microphone to speak or speaking from the stage were Robert Mackey (not a registered voter but not acknowledged as such at the time), Mr. Daugherty, Daniel Connell, Maureen Blackledge, Curtis Douglas, Thomas Lavoie, Mary Taylor, Gregory Butko and Officer Cameron Prior. Comments, questions and responses included but were not limited to the following: discussion about why the Selectboard did not

recommend Article 10; discussion about criminal activities in Town; Officer Prior offered advantages to having the presence of a full-time officer.

A written request for a secret ballot was received by Mr. Whitham prior to a vote on Article 10 with the following voters present at the Meeting having signed the request: Gabrielle Connell; Abigail Connell; Sister Mary Joseph; Briana de la Torre; Mary LaPlante; Sister Mary Peter; Sister Marie Therese; Sister Maria Perpetua; Edward Atkins; Cathy Davis.

Prior to announcing the results of the secret ballot voting, Mr. Whitham announced that the count of the ballot was done three times to ensure accuracy.

**Article 10 passed by secret ballot: 44 Yes; 43 No.**

Mr. Daniels moved to restrict from reconsideration Articles 7 through 10. The motion was seconded.

**The motion to restrict from reconsideration Articles 7 through 10 passed by voice vote.**

**Article 11.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$281,394 for Highway, Streets and Sanitation. Recommended by the Selectmen.

**Article 11 passed by voice vote.**

**Article 12.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$14,326 for Health and Welfare. Recommended by the Selectmen.

**Article 12 passed by voice vote.**

**Article 13.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$44,725 for Culture and Recreation. Recommended by the Selectmen.

Approaching the microphone to speak or speaking from the stage were Daniel Connell, Mr. Daugherty, Mary Taylor, Karen Daugherty, Elizabeth "Bonnie" McCarthy, and Peter Mulhall. Comments and questions included but were not limited to the following: discussion of the breakdown of this funding which included budget amounts from the Parks and Recreation Commission, the Library and the Heritage Commission.

**Article 13 passed by voice vote.**

**Article 14.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,650 for Debt Services. This appropriation shall be offset by revenue of \$20,000 from logging of town owned land. Recommended by the Selectmen.

**Article 14 passed by voice vote.**



**Article 15.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to be added to the Road Reconstruction and Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund. Recommended by the Selectmen.

**Article 15 passed by voice vote.**

Mr. Daniels moved to restrict from reconsideration Articles 11 through 15. The motion was seconded.

**The motion to restrict from reconsideration Articles 11 through 15 passed by voice vote.**

**Article 16.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be added to the Municipal Buildings Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund. Recommended by the Selectmen.

**Article 16 passed by voice vote.**

**Article 17.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$8,000 to be added to the Property Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund. Recommended by the Selectmen.

Mr. Daugherty moved to amend Article 17 as follows: Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$0 (zero) to be added to the Property Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund. The motion was seconded.

**The amendment passed by voice vote.**

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$0 (zero) to be added to the Property Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund. Recommended by the Selectmen.

**Article 17 as amended passed by voice vote.**

**Article 18.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$8,000 to be added to the Property Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund. Recommended by the Selectmen.

**Article 18 passed by voice vote.**

**Article 19.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to be added to the Fire Truck Fund Capital Reserve Fund. Recommended by the Selectmen.

**Article 19 passed by voice vote.**

**Article 20.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be added to the Highway Vehicle and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. Recommended by the Selectmen.

**Article 20 passed by voice vote.**

Mr. Daniels moved to restrict from reconsideration Articles 16 through 20. The motion was seconded.

**The motion to restrict from reconsideration Articles 16 through 20 passed by voice vote.**

**Article 21.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be added to the Police Vehicle Expendable Trust Fund. Recommended by the Selectmen.

**Article 21 passed by voice vote.**

**Article 22.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be added to the Public Safety Radio Communication Equipment Expendable Trust Fund. Recommended by the Selectmen.

**Article 22 passed by voice vote.**

**Article 23.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 to be added to the Police Safety Equipment Expendable Trust Fund. Recommended by the Selectmen.

**Article 23 passed by voice vote.**

**Article 24.** By Petition of citizens of Richmond, Shall the Town express its support to Governor Sununu for New Hampshire to join Massachusetts and Maine and study the feasibility of developing offshore wind power in the Gulf of Maine. The Town will provide written notice urging Governor Sununu request the Bureau of Clean Energy Management (BOEM) to form an intergovernmental task force. A bipartisan NH legislative committee studied the potential for offshore wind in 2014 and recommended the establishment of this task force. Floating wind turbines located far offshore in federal waters and barely visible from land, combined with other renewable energy will move NH to 100% renewable energy by 2050. The building offshore wind farms will bring a significant number of jobs and revenue to New Hampshire. Resolution to

Move Forward on Offshore Wind Development Whereas The State of New Hampshire has committed to 80 percent reduction in greenhouse gases by 2050, but has yet to develop a plan to achieve that goal, and needs to work toward a sustainable energy system to ensure protection of the health of its people, environment, and economy before this date, and Whereas the federal Department of Energy has determined that the Gulf of Maine has a total potential wind power capacity in excess of 200,000 Megawatts within 50 miles off the coasts of New Hampshire, Maine and northeastern Massachusetts, and that utilizing just a small percentage of this potential, combined with other renewable resources, could provide most of the future power needs of our region, and Whereas operation of floating wind farms 10 to 50 miles off our coast is expected to have much less impact on our environment and public health than all existing power sources, as well as creates less aesthetic concern than terrestrial wind farms, and Whereas development and operation of offshore wind farms have the potential to create large numbers of jobs and other economic activity within Portsmouth Harbor and other NH coastal communities, and Whereas a



bipartisan NH legislative study committee report in 2015 concluded that "The wind resource off of New Hampshire's coast has the potential to generate significant amounts of electricity," and that "offshore wind development has the potential to generate significant economic activity within Portsmouth Harbor ..., "recommending that the Governor request formation of an intergovernmental Task Force and stakeholder process to plan for regional offshore wind development, Resolved, the Town of Richmond supports efforts to develop wind power off the New Hampshire coast and urges Governor Sununu to make a formal request to the federal Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) to form a Task Force and stakeholder process to plan for regional offshore wind development in the Gulf of Maine. Further, the Town Council will send written notice of support for this resolution to Governor Sununu within 30 days of its passage.

Approaching the microphone to speak was Cathryn Dilello who spoke to Article 24.

**Article 24 passed by voice vote.**

**Article 25.** To hear any reports of Agents, Committees, etc. heretofore chosen and to take any action thereon.

Cornelius Moriarty approached the microphone to speak. He announced that Janel Swanson, previously of Richmond, was appointed Business Administrator of the Monadnock Regional School District.

**Article 26.** To take any action that may legally come before the meeting.

Mary Taylor requested that the Selectboard make the Town Report available seven days before Town Meeting.


Elizabeth "Bonnie" McCarthy wished Mr. Whitham a happy birthday.

Mr. Daniels moved to restrict from reconsideration Articles 21 through 26. The motion was seconded.

**The motion to restrict from reconsideration Article 21 through 26 passed by voice vote.**

Mr. Whitham adjourned the meeting at 11:45 am.

Respectfully submitted,



Annette Tokunaga  
Richmond Town Clerk  
March 22, 2018